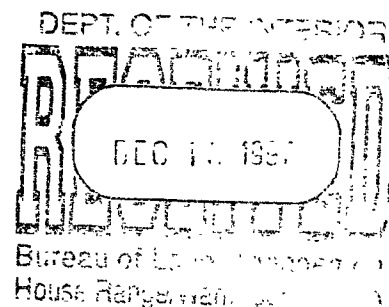


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Bureau of Land Management  
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Fillmore, Utah 84631

Attention: Mr. Rex Rowley and Mr. Ron Teseneer

Dear Sirs;

I am attempting to respond on behalf of Red Dome Inc., to a letter dated October 6, 1997 from your office. I represent Red Dome Inc. in some matters assigned to me by its President and owner, Gordon Griffin, 7 Ramshorn Court, Skidaway Island, Savannah, Georgia, 31411. He would usually reply to these operational matters on behalf of Red Dome. However he is out of the County, and is presently on business in England, and has been since about September 1st of this year. He is expected back after the first of the year.

If my information is correct, the only operational change is that Red Dome Inc. itself now operates the Red Dome mine, rather than through a Subcontractor, such as Diversified Stone. Otherwise the plan of operation, areas mined, equipment used, method used and etc. remains the same as previously described and mapped. I am sure that additional equipment of the same type has been substituted, or added from time to time. In addition two buildings have been added for maintenance and future production use. I believe these buildings were reported to you as required by your regulations.

If I am expected to prepare the formal report you have sent, I will do so, but I will need additional time to gather the information, as it appears to me to be extensive and much more comprehensive and voluminous than before. I request that an additional 90 days be allowed.

I do want to comment about some of the matters mentioned in your letter. First of all these Red Dome mining claims were located long before the common varieties act was enacted. They have been mined and carefully maintained as mining claims since that time on the strength of the obsidian volcanic material found thereon. The material has been used for numerous purposes since the claims were located more than fifty years ago. Some of the uses are directly related to the unique properties and characteristics of the material found there. In short they are not subject to the common varieties act and subsequent regulations passed by the Department as you suggest in your letter. I will be happy to discuss this legal question with you or your department attorneys at any time. Please be so advised.

Next I do not believe that the Red Dome operations is a "Large Mining Operation" and Red Dome does not

intend to commence any new large mining operation. I have reviewed the information you sent to me and I do not find any definition from which to judge this question, and request that you provide me with the definition of a large mining operation. I know that Red Dome Inc. is classified as a small miner for purposes of satisfying the filing requirements of the Department.

Next as to reclamation, it has been thoroughly discussed in the past that since these mines have been operated by numerous owners and operators in the past any reclamation requirements will be limited to those areas disturbed since the applicable regulations have so required and those areas for which Red Dome Inc. or its operators are responsible. In other words past disturbance by others are not the responsibility of Red Dome Inc.

Red Dome Inc. is more than willing to cooperate and perform any reasonable requirements, both for the sake of satisfying the law, and for the sake of the environment. It has in the past, and will continue to do so. However any attempt to use inapplicable regulations to deny Red Dome of its rightful property will be opposed with vigor.

Sincerely yours,



Dexter L. Anderson